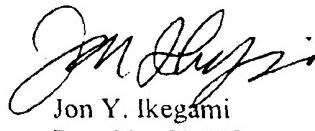


Remarks

Please cancel claims 1, 6, and 12.

Applicant hereby accepts the remaining allowed claims 2-5 and 7-10, and requests a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at (650) 314-5322.

Respectfully submitted,
BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP



Jon Y. Ikegami
Reg. No. 51,115

P.O. Box 778
Berkeley, CA 94704-0778